

## Village of Pesotum

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### *August 6, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

1. Village President Tim Lecher called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and roll Call
  - 2.1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  - 2.2. Roll call of Trustees. Those present were: Leonard Reinhart, Robert Russian, and Tricia Althaus.  
Village officials, appointees and employees present were: Village President Tim Lecher, Village Treasurer Brad Frankovich, Village Attorney Elizabeth Megli, Village Maintenance Employee Fred Smitley, and Village Clerk Kristi Turner.
  - 2.3. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Russian to appoint Joyce Ragle to the Village Board of Trustees, filling the seat vacated by Kristi Turner. Motion passes 3-0.
3. Presentation/Comments from the General Public.
  - 3.1. Mr. Phil Nixon, a Trustee of the Pesotum Methodist Church, expressed his concern about an aging tree in front of the church. The property line where the tree is located is hard to read. Mr. Nixon asked the Board to concenter splitting the cost of removal with the church.
  - 3.2. Mr. Dennis Fendly informed the Board of his contact with the Pesotum Slough Drainage District concerning the drainage issue on South Oak Street. He was told by Dennis Butler to contact the Village again and the District would adhere to the Village's recommendation. Trustee Reinhart recommended a catch basin be installed on South Oak Street and tied to the existing tile on Locust Street. Both the Village and Mr. Fendly will contact Mr. Butler again.
4. Routine Matters
  - 4.1. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and seconded by Trustee Russian to approve the July 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0.
  - 4.2. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a seconded by Trustee Russian to approve the July 31, 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee Reinhart asked for the mosquito control expenses to be posted to "Other Expenses" which is where it was budgeted.
  - 4.3. Bill Payment
    - 4.3.1. There was a motion by Trustee Russian and seconded by Trustee Althaus to pay all monthly bills that were presented for payment. Motion passes 4-0.
    - 4.3.2. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Ragle to pay Michael Wise for his last two months as a Trustee. Motion passes 4-0.
    - 4.3.3. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Russian to pay three Ameren CILCO bills totaling \$114.50 which were received after the Treasures Report was prepared. Motion passes 4-0.
5. Reports
  - 5.1. Village Clerk Turner stated that she will have the updated ordinance books finished by the September meeting. Kristi also informed the Board that the new copier/printer has been installed.

- 5.2. Village Maintenance Employee Fred Smitley informed the Board that the removal of trees is going well.
- 5.3. President Lecher informed the Board that a building permit was issued to Chad and Angie Roth for a shed addition and another was issued to Mr. Hoffman for a home addition.

## 6. Old Business

- 6.1. Trustee Russian stated that when he spoke to Chris Hausman the Drainage District was closer to acquiring the last two easements. They should be signed in a week or two.
- 6.2. Village Drainage-East side-Oak Street.  
See # 3.2.
- 6.3. President Lecher informed the Board that the sidewalk work has started and is currently being done on the corner of Oak Street and Adams Street.
- 6.4. Attorney Elizabeth Megli presented the Board with a draft copy of the Brownfield Grant application. Elizabeth had made some revisions and it will be sent back to Rapps for their approval.
- 6.5. There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Ragle to renew the Intergovernmental agreement with the Champaign County Animal Control. Motion passes 4-0. Animal Control's charges changed from \$26 per hour to \$31.50 to account for inflation.
- 6.6. There was a motion by Trustee Reinhart and a second by Trustee Althaus to pay half of the \$1800 for the removal and clean up of the hollow tree in front of the Methodist Church with the work being done by Ted's Tree Service. Motion passes 4-0.
- 6.7. Attorney Elizabeth Megli recommended that the Village have a contract with the prospective company (ERH) with an explanation of when and how the work will be done with respect to removing the water plant equipment. She also recommended that we get a copy of their insurance. There will be more information at the study session.
- 6.8. President Lecher received a bid for the removal of the crossing light on route 45 for \$3500. Trustee Russian will call a representative of Ameren.

## 7. New Business

- 7.1. There are no new CDs to reinvest.
- 7.2. The Sheriff's department has received many complaints about reckless ATV driving at a residence on W. Adams. A letter will be sent to the residence.

8. There was a motion to convene into closed session to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Village has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Motion by Trustee Reinhart, second by Trustee Russian. Motion passes 4-0.

- 8.1. There was a motion by Trustee Reinhart and a second by Trustee Ragle to allow legal counsel to proceed with pursuing legal fees as discussed in Executive session.

## 9. Presentation/ Comments from the Board

- 9.1. Trustee Reinhart had several concerns:
  - 9.1.1. Elm Street still is in need of repair.
  - 9.1.2. Concrete pads for the benches at the playground. President Lecher informed the Board that the pads would be poured while the sidewalk work was being done.

9.1.3. Mr. Reed releasing the Village of any more action involving the Welcome sign. Attorney Elizabeth Megli has sent a release letter to Mr. Reed's attorney and has not been returned.

9.2. Trustee Althaus had several announcements.

9.2.1. She would like to see the water payment box on the front of the Community Building turned into a suggestion box.

9.2.2. She informed the Board that Public Health was at the ballpark to inspect the restrooms and concession stand. Public Health would like to see a hot water heater in the restrooms and a three basin sink in the concession stand.

9.2.3. She informed the Board that she had talked to Sharon Hood about Mr. Jones. Trustee Althaus will contact a possible person to aid in a path of communication..

9.3. Trustee Russian expressed his concern with the old tree on the southeast corner of Elm and Adams. The tree is hollow and is considerably hanging over the street.

9.4. Scott Morris was present at this time and informed the Board that he put a new computer in the ESDA room with wireless internet and MS Office. He felt that the old Dell should be disposed of properly. He also recommended uninterrupted power to the computer in the ESDA room.

10. Announcements

10.1. The next Village Board Meeting will be September 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

10.2. There will be a Study Session on August 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

There was a motion by Trustee Althaus and a second by Trustee Russian to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Respectively Submitted By:

Kristi Turner

Village Clerk